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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 4 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AND RADIO

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS PLAYS MAJOR STORY OF ARCH-BISHOP'S FEBRUARY 3 PRESS CONFERENCE ALONG PREDICTABLE POLITICAL LINES: LEFTISTS EMPHASIZING LIKELY TRIP TO MOSCOW, RIGHTISTS AND CENTERISTS HEADLINING CONTINUED STRUGGLE THEME. CONSISTENT LINE THROUGHOUT PRESS IS MESSAGE THAT TALKS ARE STALEMATED AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO WITH GOC SEEKING WIDER CONFERENCE ON CYRPUS PROBLEM IN MARCH. PAPERS ALSO CARRY PESSIMISTIC HEADLINES RE YESTERDAY'S CLERIDES/DENKTASH MEETING AND CLERDIES' EVENING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAS PROPOSED ANOTHER NEW AIRPORT FORMULA AND WISHES BEGIN SOON SUBSTANTIVE CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSIONS.

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2. PAPERS HAD NO TIME TO EDITORIALIZE ON MAKARIOS' REMARKS; WE SHALL SEE FIRST OF THIS IN TOMORROW'S PRESS. SEVERAL PAPERS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE PRO-CONGRESS ANTI-KISSINGER THEMES OF RECENT WEEKS. A NUMBER OF PAPERS ALSO APPLAUD GOC'S DECISION TO MOUNT NEW POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC INTERNATIONAL COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

3. CYPRUS BROADCASTING COMPANY HAS BEGUN AIRING TAPED TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS AND EUGENE ROSSIDES (HELLENIC AMERICAN INSTITUTE) EXPLAINING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN REFUSING TO POSTPONE AID CUTOFF AND REITERATING CRITICISM OF USG CYPRUS POLICY. CRAWFORD

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